GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1033
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INDO-US ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL CO-OPERATION
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government have reviewed Indo - US economic and cultural co-operation ;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of major projects recognised and funded/assisted by the USA during the last three years alongwith the year-wise details of achievements made therein;

(d) the details of Indo-US joint projects under consideration of the Government; and

(e) the steps proposed to be taken to promote Indo-US economic and cultural co-operation?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL)

a) No, Sir.

b) Does not arise.

c) Details provided in the list attached.

d) Does not arise.

e) i) An India US Economic and Financial Forum was set up in April,2000 to promote economic dialogue between the two countries . The Forum is aimed to strengthen the financial and economic relationship between India and the USA through regular contact between economic policy makers from each country. This contact will be through inter-Governmental meeting s led by Finance Minister of India and the Treasury Secretary of the US to discuss financial and economic developments and issues of mutual concern. There would also be sub-Cabinet level meetings involving officials.

ii) Whereas there have been no recent steeps for fresh dialogue on bilateral cooperation in Culture, the US-India Rupee Fund for Educational Cultural and Scientific Cooperation was set up in 1987 with an amount of Rs.127.49 crores from PL-480 funds, for a period of ten years. On the education and culture side, USIF essentially supported the following programmes in India:

- U.S. Educational Foundation in India (USEFI)
- American Studies Research Centre (ASRC)
- American Institute of Indian Studies (AIIS)
- US Library of Congress programmes
- Indo-US Sub-Commission on Education and Culture.

Statement in respect of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1033 for answer on 23.11.2001

(US$ Million)

Sl.No.	Project Title	Grant Assistance	Utilization As on 31.3.99	Utilization As on 31.3.2000	Utilization As on 31.3.2001

1. Programme for Advancement Commercial Technology (PACT)	39.755	13.38	17.38	30.68
2. Technical Assistance Support Project (TASP)	21.000	17.92	17.96	18.77
3. Energy Management and Training (EMCAT)	27.000	20.379	22.97	23.98
4. Aids Prevention and Control (APAC)	10.000	1.96	2.9	8.97
5 Innovations in Family Planning Services (IFPS)	225.000	35.2	46.6	56.7
6. Trade in Environmental Services and Technology (TEST)	29.950	12.17	14.37	16.58
7 Financial Institutions Reforms and Expansion (FIRE)	44.000	18.24	20.00	21.87
8. Greenhouse Gas Pollution Prevention (GEEP)	39.000	2.80	3.43	16.83
9. Energy conservation and Commercialisation (ECO)	25.000	00	00	0.91
10 AVERT:HIV/AIDS Prevention	41.500	0.00	0.00	0.273